



## German Christmas Markets 2005

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<b>Christmas Markets</b>	<b>Dates</b> (subject to change)	<b>Local Tourist Office</b>  Email / Telephone (0049+)  Quotes (provide by individual local tourist offices)
<a href="#"><u>Aachen</u></a>	<b>18.11. – 22.12.05</b>  11am-8.30pm daily, except 20.11. 6pm-9pm	<b>(241) 180 29 60</b>  The market square, the cathedral and the town hall are bathed in a festive light for Aachen's Christmas market. The lovingly designed Christmas village has a host of small booths where Christmas decorations, crafts and spicy gingerbread - Aachen Printen - are on sale. Varied events programme featuring guest bands at weekends.
<a href="#"><u>Augsburg</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 24.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 9.30am-8pm  Sun 10am-8pm  <a href="#"><u>Augsburg Christmas Market Brochure (PDF)</u></a>	<b>(821) 50 20 70</b>  Augsburg's Christkindlesmarkt is one of Germany's loveliest and oldest Christmas markets, held for more than 500 years in the delightful setting provided by the impressive Renaissance town hall. The highlight is the Augsburg Angels Play when - above the Christmas market - angels appear, playing music, and the Renaissance town hall is transformed into a giant Advent calendar.
<a href="#"><u>Baden-Baden</u></a>	<b>25.11. – 21.12.05</b>  12noon-9pm daily	<b>(7221) 27 52 07</b>  The internationally celebrated spa and festival city will have a very special atmosphere with its Baden-Baden Christkindelsmarkt, against the commandingly picturesque backdrop of the Kurhaus and the Colonnades lit up by thousands of lights over the Advent period in the heart of the festively decorated old town. The Christkindelsmarkt is not only a welcome meeting point, but also a place to celebrate the pre-Christmas period where people can get together and enjoy a glass of glühwein or punch, roast chestnuts, seasonal biscuits and cakes and other appetising Christmas delicacies. A variety of choirs, orchestras and bands will be performing twice daily on the stage in front of the Kurhaus to put the visitors from around the world in the Christmas mood. More than 50 beautifully decorated stands – ranging from crafts and toys to artistic Tiffany products and wood carvings – will be offering an extensive array of products. A "living crèche" with lambs, sheep and a shepherd will be one of the special attractions in Baden-Baden at Christmas: without doubt the bleating of the sheep and the scent of fresh hay will quickly draw visitors to the idyllic nativity scene around the life-sized manger in front of the Kurhaus and is bound

		to attract not just the younger among the visitors.
<a href="#"><u>Bamberg</u></a>	<b>24.11. - 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 8.30-7pm  Sun 11am-7pm	<b>(951) 87 11 61</b> Discovering the World Heritage City of Bamberg in the winter months has a charm of its own. Bamberg's popular route of nativity scenes creates a uniquely festive atmosphere as Christmas approaches. The Bamberg Christmas Market still has a familiar atmosphere and is no mass event.
<a href="#"><u>Berlin</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Various dates &amp; locations see link</u></a>  Sun-Thu 11am-8pm/9pm  Fri-Sat 10am-10pm	<b>(180) 575 40 40</b> In Berlin many small and large Christmas markets, each with its very own atmosphere, invite everyone for a joyful pre-Christmas time. The Gendarmenmarkt is one of the most beautiful squares in Europe and is the exquisite setting for one of Berlin's many Christmas markets - the historical Berlin Christmas market - which will whisk you away to a magical Christmas world full of scrumptious treats and fairy lights. There is a great programme of cultural events and plenty more besides.
<a href="#"><u>Bernkastel</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Kues</u></a>	<b>26.11. – 18.12.05</b>  Mon-Thu 11am-7pm  Fri-Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(65 31) 30 75</b> Every yuletide visitors flock to see the medieval Christmas market in Bernkastel-Kues with its more than 40 miniature half-timbered houses. The narrow little streets with their quaint romantic houses make the perfect Christmas market setting. People of all ages will enjoy the popular St. Nicholas Walk through a winter landscape of forest and vines.
<a href="#"><u>Bonn</u></a>	<b>18.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Closed on Sun 20 Nov  Daily 11am-8.30pm	<b>(228) 1 94 33</b> The impressive illuminated façades on Münsterplatz and in neighbouring streets are the festive backdrop for Bonn's Christmas market. From 1 December the beautiful old town hall is transformed into an enormous Advent calendar, with one more window being lit up each day. There are Christmas concerts and a daily programme of events to enjoy.
<a href="#"><u>Braunschweig</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mo-Sat 10am-9pm  Sun 11am-9pm	<b>(531) 27 35 50</b> Braunschweig's Christmas market has a splendid backdrop: the cathedral of Henry the Lion, Dankwarderode Castle and the Vieweg House. This market's history goes back 300 years; surrounded by fine half-timbered buildings, it is full of traditional charm. A pure delight for visitors of all ages. There is a Christmas programme every day, with entertainment for children, e.g. painting sessions.
<a href="#"><u>Bremen</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mo-Sat 10am-8pm  Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(421) 30 80 00</b> Give in to the temptation to take a long stroll around the Town Hall and the statue of Roland, the Hanseatenhof and Ansgarikirchhof squares, where the 160 seasonally decorated stands in Bremen's festive Christmas Fair stand side by side: Wide-eyed children stare at the Christmas tree decorations, cribs hand-carved from wood and glittering Christmas pyramids. The aroma of steaming mulled wine, baked apples and cinnamon stars lies heavy in the air, while softly the most beautiful Christmas carols ring out. Organ concerts, magical theatre performances and Christmas exhibitions – Bremen offers a varied programme of festive events for both young and old.
<a href="#"><u>Celle</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 27.12.05</b>  Mo-Fri 11am-8pm  Sat 10.30am-9pm  Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(5141)12 12</b> The superb half-timbered facades around Celle's Christmas market in the heart of the historical old quarter are brought to life by Christmas illuminations. There are around fifty wooden huts selling crafts, Christmas decorations and toys, as well as the delicious treats that are an essential part of the Christmas market experience. The focal points are the Christmas tree (over 10 metres tall) and the delightful Christmas Nativity scene.
<a href="#"><u>Coburg</u></a>	<b>25.11. – 23.12.05</b>	<b>(9561) 7418-0</b> The Christmas Market of Coburg and home of the castle "Veste", begins with a candle light parade by the Coburg Children's Choir through the town centre. Christmas tree decorations, wooden toys, ceramics and porcelain of all kinds dominate the scene of

		the Coburg Christmas Market, while the fragrant aroma of roasted almonds, lebkuchen and the famous Coburger Bratwurst pervade the air. A carousel in the centre of the market square delights the children. And music adds to the wonderful atmosphere of the Christmas Market. The State Theatre performs a fairy tale play with a Christmas theme. In addition, Santa Claus arrives every weekend and on Wednesdays in a horse drawn carriage to distribute gifts to the children.
<a href="#"><u>Cologne</u></a>	<b>22.11. – 23.12.05</b>  <a href="#"><u>Six Christmas Markets (Pdf)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Cologne Medieval Christmas Market (Pdf)</u></a>  11am-9pm daily	<b>(221) 22 130400</b>  The city of Cologne offers 6 Christmas markets in total. Among them are four big Christmas markets - at the Cologne Cathedral, on the Alter Markt, on the Neumarkt and on the Rudolfplatz. Every year these four markets attract almost 2 million visitors. The market at the Cologne Cathedral is the most impressive one of Cologne's Christmas markets due to the backdrop of the imposing Cathedral. The Christmas market on the Alter Markt takes place in front of the city hall. It has an especially idyllic atmosphere because of its half-timbered stalls. Cologne's oldest Christmas market is the market on the Neumarkt, in the shopping area against the backdrop of the Church St. Aposteln. The market on the Rudolfplatz takes place in front of the Hahnenortburg. Besides the four big Christmas markets there is also a medieval Christmas market outside the Chocolate Museum and a floating Christmas market on board MS Wappen von Mainz (KD Riverboats) from 25 November to 21 December alongside the old quarter. There is also plenty of entertainment on offer as Christmas approaches: a variety of Christmas concerts, Nativity scene displays and a huge temporary ice rink on Heumarkt.
<a href="#"><u>Darmstadt</u></a>	<b>21.11—23.12.05</b>	See the gigantic Christmas Pyramid
<a href="#"><u>Dinkelsbühl</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 18.12.05</b>  Mon-Fri 2pm-8pm  Sat-Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(9851) 90 277</b>  Dinkelsbühl's Christmas market in historical Spitalhof is one of the prettiest Christmas markets along the Romantic Road. The town's medieval quarter and the quaint old buildings around St. George's Minster are an inspiration, not only for visitors today: it is here that Christoph von Schmid wrote his famous Christmas carol "Ihr Kinderlein kommet" (O come little children).
<a href="#"><u>Dortmund</u></a>	<b>17.11. - 23.12.05</b> (Closed 20.11)  Mon-Sat 10am-9pm Sun 12noon-9pm	<b>(231) 502 56 66 or 502 54 97</b>  Dortmund's Christmas market, one of the biggest in Germany, has over 300 stalls. Its hallmark is a gigantic Christmas tree which consists of 1,700 individual fir trees, stands 45 metres tall and is adorned with 13,000 lights – the biggest in the world. This enormous tree bathes the Christmas proceedings in a seasonal glow.
<a href="#"><u>Dresden</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 24.12.05</b>  Sun-Thu 10am-8pm  Fri-Sat 10am-9pm  Until 2pm on Christmas Eve	<b>(351) 49 19 20</b>  Dresden's Striezelmarkt, Germany's oldest Christmas market, has a history dating back to 1434. Its name derives from Hefestriezel, the sweet delicacy which, centuries later, we know as Dresden Christstollen (German christmas cake). The Christmas tree decorated with lights, Pflaumentoffel (prune men) and the tallest Christmas Christmas pyramid in the world (14 metres) give this market an inimitable appeal. It is a real treasure trove for traditional handicrafts: carved wooden items from the Erzgebirge mountains (pyramids, incense burners and decorative Christmas arches), blue printed articles and pottery from Lusatia, intricate handmade lace, handblown Christmas tree decorations, Pulsnitz Pfefferkuchen (gingerbread) and - last but not least - real Dresden Christstollen. Highlights are the Stollen Festival on the Saturday before the second Sunday in Advent and the Pyramid Festival on the Saturday before the third Sunday in Advent.
<a href="#"><u>Düsseldorf</u></a>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>	<b>(211) 17 20 20</b>  Every year Düsseldorf's Christmas market opens its "gingerbread

	10am-9pm daily (Sun 21 Nov from 6.30pm)	houses" not far from Königsallee. Until 5 January Corneliusplatz has a huge outdoor ice rink offering fun for all the family - ice skating is free and there are instructors and childcare facilities. A great way to work off that excess "Christmas energy".
<a href="#"><u>Erfurt</u></a>	<b>25.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Sun-Thu 10am-8pm  Fri-Sat 10am-9pm	<b>(361) 664 00</b>  In one of the finest settings in Germany - Cathedral Square and the quaint old quarter dating back 1,260 years - stallholders at more than 200 wooden huts offer typical Thuringian specialties and handcrafted products. The focal points of this 153rd Erfurt Christmas market are the festively illuminated Christmas tree - approx. 25 metres tall - and the Nativity scene which has handcarved, almost life-sized wooden figures.
<a href="#"><u>Essen</u></a>	<b>17.11. – 23.12.05</b> (20.11 closed)  11am-9pm daily	<b>(361) 664 00</b>  According to its name, the International Christmas Market of Essen offers you exotic products from all over the world: sculptures from Africa, craft from Russia, cheerful figures from Cuba, Greek lighthouses and x-mas gifts for all US fans. The International Christmas Market takes you even from the culinary perspective on a world trip: Arabic Falafel, Polish Bigos, French Crepes or Dutch Poffertjes? You as a guest are spoilt for choice in the true sense of the word. Another attraction is the Santa House where Father Christmases from all over the world describe Christmas customs and traditions in their various countries.
<a href="#"><u>Frankfurt</u></a>	<b>23.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10am-9pm  Sun 11am-9pm	<b>(69) 21 23 88 00</b>  There has been a Christmas market in Frankfurt for over 600 years. The traditional Frankfurt Christmas Market is one of Germany's oldest and most popular Christmas markets. Take a stroll across the market and enjoy the wonderful aroma of baked apples, roasted nuts, gingerbread and mulled wine - quite a contrast to the ever-present Frankfurt Skyline in the background! The Christmas market is located throughout the city-centre at Roemerberg, Paulsplatz, Liebfrauenberg, Fahrter, and Mainkai.
<a href="#"><u>Freiburg</u></a>	<b>28.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10am-8.30pm  Sun 11.30am-7.30pm	<b>(761) 38 81 01</b>  Freiburg's Christmas market on Rathausplatz and in Franziskanerstrasse in the heart of the historical quarter offers visitors a wide range of traditional arts and crafts, including straw shoes from the Black Forest and colourful wooden toys. The highlight is the candle workshop where visitors can watch candles being made to order.
<a href="#"><u>Goslar</u></a>	<b>23.11. – 29.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10am-8pm  Sun 11am-8pm  25 & 26 Dec 12 noon-7pm  Closed on 24 Dec	<b>(53 21) 7 80 60</b>  Every year the beautiful market square in the former imperial town of Goslar is the magnificent backdrop for the Christmas market, which has around 60 stalls. Its main attraction is the Christmas Forest on Schuhhof: with 36 fir trees adorned with thousands of Christmas lights and seasonal music all around, you can smell the forest and really get into the Christmas spirit.
<a href="#"><u>Göttingen</u></a>	<b>23.11. – 29.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10am-8.30pm  Sun 11am-8.30pm	<b>(551) 499 800</b>  Göttingen's romantic Christmas market has a magical, festive atmosphere with rows of booths in the market square gathered around the medieval Old Town Hall, the Goose Girl statue and St. John's Church. Don't miss: craft demonstrations at many of the stalls. For children: carousel and historical Ferris wheel.
<a href="#"><u>Hamburg</u></a>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>  from approx. 10am-9pm daily	<b>(40) 30 05 13 00</b>  During Advent, Hamburg's Town Hall will once again provide the grand setting for the city's most charming Christmas market. One hundred merchants will set up their

		<p>shops on Hamburg's largest urban square. Roast apples vs. hotdogs, hand-crafted items vs. mass-produced merchandise and the quaint cottages designed by Bernhard Paul, director of the famed nostalgic Circus Roncalli, set this Christmas market apart from run-of-the-mill seasonal activities elsewhere.</p> <p>Here you will find hand-crafted Christmas decorations from the Erzgebirge region, woodcarvers from Tyrol, bakers from Aachen producing their famous "printen" cookies on the scene, gingerbread makers from Nuremberg, pottery from the Lausitz. Silversmiths and many other artisans and craftsmen invite you to marvel, join in, taste and enjoy. New this year is "Nordic Lane", a tribute to Hamburg's traditionally close ties to the countries of Scandinavia and the Baltic region. And back again, after a year's absence, is Santa Claus, riding up to the sky above the roofs of the market cottages in his reindeer sleigh.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Hamlin</u></a>	<b>25.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Thu 10am-8pm  Fri & Sat 10am-9pm  Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(5151) 95 78 23</b>  70 festively decorated wooden huts are clustered around the Wedding House and the Market Church in the heart of the picturesque old quarter with its lovingly restored timber-framed houses and grand Weser Renaissance buildings. Particular attractions of Hamlyn's Christmas market are the Nativity scene, which has real animals to stroke, and a Christmas pyramid 11 metres tall.
<a href="#"><u>Hanover</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  11am-9pm daily	<b>(511) 16 84 97 00</b>  Hanover's Christmas market takes place in the historical old quarter around the Market Church and on Ballhofplatz. Visitors looking for a souvenir are spoilt for choice, with no fewer than 150 attractive stalls selling Christmas tree decorations, carved items, wooden toys and craftwork. The children's programme features a puppeteer and a storyteller.
<a href="#"><u>Heidelberg</u></a>	<b>23.11. – 22.12.05</b>  11am-9pm daily	<b>(6221) 142211</b>  Heidelberg's Christmas market extends over no fewer than five squares: Kornmarkt, Marktplatz, Universitätsplatz, Anatomiegarten and Bismarckplatz. It is great for a leisurely browse and has stunning views of the castle and the old quarter with its beautiful Christmas decorations. A wide array of crafts and tasty regional delicacies all add to the Christmas spirit.
<a href="#"><u>Hildesheim</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  11am-8pm daily	<b>(5121) 1 79 80</b>  Hildesheim's Christmas market comes to life on the historical market square and around the town hall. Its backdrop is the impressive façade of the Knochenhaueramtshaus, a former butchers' guildhouse which is reputed to be the most beautiful half-timbered house in the world. Seasonal spirit: a tour of the town with a guide in historical costume. One of the highlights of the Christmas events programme are the Hildesheim Cathedral Musicians.
<a href="#"><u>Karlsruhe</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b>	<b>(721) 35 53 43 76</b>
<a href="#"><u>Kassel</u></a>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>  11am-9pm daily	<b>(561) 7077 07</b>  Once upon a time..., Kassel's fairytale Christmas market on Königsplatz and Friedrichsplatz works its fairytale festive magic on people of all ages and every year a different fairytale takes centre stage. This year is the turn of "Puss in Boots", which is sure to be a hit with visitors from all over the world.
<a href="#"><u>Kempten</u></a>	<b>26.11. – 21.12.05</b>	<b>(831) 252 52 37</b>  Kempten Christmas Market, the largest in the Allgäu region (70 stalls) and one of the loveliest in all Bavaria, enchants young and old with its traditional atmosphere. It takes place on the Rathausplatz, one of the oldest parts in the city.

<a href="#"><u>Kleve</u></a>	<b>25.11. – 04.12.05</b>	<p>(2821) 895090</p> <p>In the middle of the charming atmosphere of Kleve's Baroque Gardens, the Christmas Market invites you to take a romantic journey into the world of wonderful presents and souvenirs. At more than 40 lovely decorated fair stalls you will find a great variety of Christmas articles ranging from Christmas decorations and candles up to gift articles and ceramics. The children will be delighted by a merry-go-round, a little pet zoo, wagon rides and, above all, Santa Claus will stop by.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Koblenz</u></a>	<b>19.11. – 21.12.05</b>	<p>(261) 30 38 80</p> <p>The traditional Koblenz Christmas Market is one of the largest Christmas Markets in Rhineland Palatinate. More than one hundred wooden stands at the Zentralplatz and the Plan in the Old City offer – in addition to an extensive range of arts and crafts as well as Christmas decorations – a huge selection of gift articles for the holiday table. For Children it will be exciting every afternoon when St. Nicholas surprises them with small gifts. A special attraction is the nativity crib with life-sized figures, which will amaze children as well as adults. On weekends the mood will be festive with promenade concerts. The snack booths, spicy mulled wine and sweet-smelling Christmas cakes will provide creature comforts. Perhaps it will give an ice skating rink at the Zentralplatz like last year. You'll see: During Christmas season Koblenz is worth a visit!</p>
<a href="#"><u>Leipzig</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Sun-Thu 10am-8pm  Fri-Sat 10am-9pm	<p>(341) 7 10 42 60</p> <p>The focal point of Leipzig's traditional Christmas market is the beautiful old market square in front of the Old Town Hall. In addition to over 200 stalls, other highlights include the biggest Advent calendar in the world (857m2), a fairytale forest with recreations of well-known stories, City on Ice, a 500m2 ice rink on Augustusplatz, and the Old Town Hall trumpeters.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Ludwigsburg</u></a>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10.30am-8.30pm  Sun 11am-8.30pm	<p>(7141) 917 514</p> <p>Every year you can taste the special experience of the Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market, the market is open daily for a whole month. What makes the Christmas Market unique is its Baroque concept, the decorated stands and market square with its most beautiful illuminated angels. Surrounded by arcades, the Ludwigsburg market square contains over 160 different Christmas stands and daily performances are held on stage for both children and adults. A crib exhibition is also held in the Friedenskirch (Peace Church). It's not for nothing that the Ludwigsburg Christmas Market is regarded as one of the most beautiful of its kind.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Lübeck</u></a>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 11am-9pm  Sun 11.30-9pm	<p>(1805) 88 22 33</p> <p>The annual Christmas markets of Hanseatic Lübeck take place in the old quarter around the historical town hall and Koberg, with fairy lights and Christmas trees adorning the streets. There is an enchanting Christmas fairytale forest outside St. Mary's Church with more than 20 lovingly handmade stalls which tell the stories of the Brothers Grimm. In addition there is also an excellent craft market in the vaults of the old Holy Spirit Hospital plus don't miss the Iceworld snow and ice sculpture festival in the heart of the town centre.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Lüneburg</u></a>	<b>23.11. – 23.12.05</b>  <b>Historic Market</b>	<p>(4131) 2 07 66 20</p> <p>This ancient salt-trading Hanseatic town has a romantic Christmas market, with Christmas lights showing its gabled houses and medieval churches to wonderful effect. Booths decorated on Brothers Grimm fairytale themes transform Lüneburg's pedestrian streets into a magical fairytale world. Christmas programme from 4pm daily.</p>



	<b>Extra: 3 &amp; 4.12.05</b>	
	10am-7pm daily	
<b><u>Mannheim</u></b>	<b>23.11. – 23.12.05</b>	<b>(190) 77 00 20</b> Where Santa Claus Goes Shopping: The Mannheim Christmas Market, one of the largest and most beautiful Christmas markets in Europe, is situated in the center of Mannheim, just a five minutes' walk from the central station. About 200 market-stalls are placed around the "Wasserturm", the historic water reservoir and Mannheim's famous landmark. On Mannheim Christmas Market, you will find: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christmas gifts and decoration</li> <li>- Arts and crafts</li> <li>- Antique merry-go-rounds</li> <li>- Daily stage performances</li> <li>- Volunteers offer "Information and Help" for social projects by selling homemade Christmas cookies, sweets and gifts.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Moenchengladbach</u></b>	<b>19.11.– 31.12.05</b>	<b>(2161) 252525</b>
<b><u>Monschau</u>*</b>	<b>25.11. – 27.12.05*</b>	<b>(2472) 3300</b> Nestling in a valley amongst the Eifel Hills, Monschau really is one of Europe's best kept secrets. Located just a few kilometers over the Belgian border, Monschau offers visitors a wealth of things to see and do, Quaint shops, romantic old streets, half timbered buildings, a wonderful selection of restaurants & cafes, a historic mustard mill, various museums and the old friary to mention just a few. The Monschau Christmas Market, takes place on the four weekends before Xmas Eve.
<b><u>Münster</u></b>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>	<b>(251) 4 92 27 10</b> Münster's Christmas market is quite special: the town's festively lit historical old quarter plays host to no fewer than five markets. There are 250 stalls offering visitors inspiration for Christmas gifts among the huge array of toys, decorations and crafts. All the markets lead off the main Christmas market on Platz des Westfälischen Friedens and are only a few minutes' walk from one another. Münster Marketing are currently offering a special christmas market package which includes a 2 night stay in a double room, guided tour of the old town, mulled wine, bus ticket and an advent gift. This offer is available from only 102 Euros per person staying in a 3* hotel. For details contact Münster Marketing on 0049 251 4922726 or email <a href="mailto:tourismus@stadt-muenster.de">tourismus@stadt-muenster.de</a> Flights from London Stansted to Münster/ Osnabrück Airport are available from only £19 with Air Berlin . For details contact Air Berlin on 0870 738 88 80 or visit their website at <a href="http://www.airberlin.com">www.airberlin.com</a>
<b><u>Munich</u></b>	<b>25.11. – 24.12.05</b>  <b>01.12. – 23.12.06</b>  Mon-Fri 10am-8.30pm  Sat 9am-8.30pm  Sun 10am-7.30pm  24 Dec 10am-2pm	<b>(89) 2 33 03 00</b> Munich's traditional Christmas market - whose roots go back to the 14th century - is held on Marienplatz in the heart of the city centre. The justly popular Krippermarkt, one of the largest in Germany to specialise in cribs and other Nativity accessories, is a short walk away on nearby Rindermarkt. There is alpine Christmas music live from the town hall balcony every day. The "heaven workshop" offers creative activities for children free of charge.
<b><u>Nuremberg</u></b>	<b>25.11. – 24.12.05</b>	<b>(911) 2 33 60</b> Nuremberg's main market square (Hauptmarkt) in the heart of the old quarter is the setting for the annual ceremony at which the Christkindl (Christ Child) opens Nuremberg's

	<p>Mon-Wed 9.30am-8pm</p> <p>Thu-Sat 9.30am-9pm</p> <p>Sun 10.30am-9pm</p> <p>Dec 24 9.30am-2pm</p> <p><b><u>Christmas City</u></b> <b><u>Nuremberg</u></b></p> <p>15 page brochure, Pdf file 62Mb. Suitable for broadband users only!</p>	<p>Christkindlesmarkt, the most famous Christmas market in the world. Every year, over 2 million visitors soak up the medieval atmosphere and romance of this miniature town of Christmas stalls. The air is filled with delicious aromas of gingerbread, cinnamon, Nuremberg bratwurst, roasted almonds and glühwein, and children's and adults' eyes alike sparkle at the sight of stalls piled high with traditional Christmas decorations and gifts. Little ones enjoy the Kinderweihnacht (children's Christmas) just a stone's throw away where a magnificent, traditional-style carousel comes complete with an upper tier, reindeer figures and Santa's sleigh.</p>
<b><u>Oberhausen</u></b>	<p><b>17.11. – 23.12.05</b> <b>(CentrO)</b> <b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b> <b>(Old Market Square)</b></p>	<p><b>(208) 82 45 70</b></p> <p>One of the most magnificent and greatest Christmas Markets of the Ruhr area, located at the CentrO, the biggest shopping and leisure mall in Europe. The mall shines in 3000,000 lights; 65,000 new Christmas decorations and more than 4,000 crystals are sparkling fabulously. Highlights of the Christmas Market are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- About 135 huts with international goods</li> <li>- Glasblower- factory</li> <li>- CentrO-Winterworld with toboggan-run and jetski-run</li> <li>- One of the biggest pyramid from the "Erzgebirge"</li> <li>- Chairplane</li> <li>- Nostalgic Ferris</li> <li>- From 6th of December: daily distribution of presents by the Coca-Cola Santa Claus</li> <li>- Christmas stage with varying programs from Wednesday to Sunday</li> <li>- Woodcarving from South-Tyrol</li> <li>- 20-metres high Christmas Tree with more than 50,000 lights</li> </ul>
<b><u>Osnabrück</u></b>	<p><b>23.11. – 22.12.05</b></p> <p>Mon-Thu 10am-8pm</p> <p>Fri-Sat 10am-9pm</p>	<p><b>(541) 3232202</b></p> <p>Once again the world's biggest Christmas musical box turns to the sound of Christmas carols and the half-timbered buildings in the historical old quarter are adorned with festive illuminations. The nutcracker - over 6 metres tall - is always a great attraction for visitors to Osnabrück's Christmas market.</p>
<b><u>Passau</u></b>	<p><b>26.11. – 23.12.05</b></p>	<p><b>(851) 9 55 980</b></p> <p>In Advent 2004 a new attraction of the City of Passau is surprising inhabitants and visitors: an impressive Christkindelmarkt will take place in front of the beautiful St.-Stephan-Cathedral in the old town center of Passau. About 70 little booths will show and sell special Christmas goods, presents, arts and crafts. Also Christmas specialties like Lebkuchen, Glühwein and a lot of others are offered to the visitors.</p> <p>Every day different concerts of music-groups and choirs will take place on a covert stage. There will also be a special program for children. A highlight will be a concert of the famous Regensburger-Domspatzen-choir in the St.-Stephan-Cathedral on 5th of December and during the Advent Christmas-concerts will be performed in St.-Stephan-Cathedral.</p> <p>Artists and craftsmen of Passau will present and exhibit their handcraft at the Christkindelmarkt. A selection of mangers is planned to be exhibited in the pedestrian zone.</p>
<b><u>Potsdam</u></b>	<p><b>Romantic Market at Sanssouci:</b></p>	<p><b>(331) 27 55 80</b></p> <p>In addition to the traditional Old Potsdam Christmas market in Brandenburger Straße in the historical city centre, there are also Christmas markets at weekends: the Bohemian</p>



	<b>25.11. – 23.12.05</b>  <b>Dutch Christmas</b>  <b>Market: 10 &amp; 11.12.05</b>	Christmas market and the popular Sinterklaas Christmas market in the Dutch quarter. For real atmosphere, don't miss the Imperial Illuminations - an Advent evening stroll around historical Potsdam (Saturdays, 27 Nov-28 Dec)
<b><u>Regensburg</u></b>	<b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b>  10am-8pm daily	<b>(941) 507 44 10</b> One of the best preserved medieval towns in Germany is also worth visiting in the winter. Regensburg's traditional Christkindlmarkt, the craft market and the romantic Christmas market at Thurn and Taxis Palace, which has craft stalls and demonstrations (entrance fee), invite you to enjoy a Christmas stroll around the medieval town. Highlights include concerts by the famous Regensburger Domspatzen boys' choir and Christmas cruises on the Danube.
<b><u>Rostock</u></b>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Mon-Thu 10am-8pm  Fri-Sat 10am-9pm  Sun 11am-8pm	<b>(381) 1 94 33</b> Father Christmas traditionally arrives in the town harbour by boat to officially open Rostock's Christmas market in the old quarter, with the fairytale castle stage on University Square as the setting for the ceremony. The medieval Christmas market at the Church of St. Mary and the fairytale forest are among the attractions of this Christmas market, the largest in Northern Germany.
<b><u>Rothenburg ob der Tauber</u></b>	<b>25.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Fri 12.30pm-7pm  Sat 10.30-7.30pm  Sun 10.30-7pm	<b>(9861) 4 04 92</b> Rothenburg's Reiterlesmarkt is in an idyllic setting between the town hall and St. Jacob's Church and is said - by those in the know - to be one of Germany's most atmospheric Christmas markets. Passageways twisting this way and that, the German Christmas Museum, the smell of glühwein and night-time torch-lit walks are all here. Germany at Christmastime, just as you imagine it.
<b><u>Rüdesheim*</u></b>	<b>21.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Wed-Thu 2pm-8pm  Fri 2pm-9pm  Sat 10am-9pm  Sun 10am-8pm	<b>(6722) 1 94 33</b> The Christmas market in Rüdesheim am Rhein brings a distinctly festive feel to the romantic old quarter and its popular Drosselgasse lane, as 120 stalls representing 12 countries gather to present Christmas customs and traditions from around the world. Europe's biggest Nativity scene with life-size figures can be admired on the market square.
<b><u>Saarbrücken</u></b>	<b>24.11. – 23.12.05</b>  11am-8.30pm daily	<b>(681) 93 80 90</b> Designed by Friedrich Joachim Stengel, the buildings around St. Johanner Markt make a splendid backdrop for 60 or so festively decorated huts. Old Saarbrücken Christmas market, held on 27 and 28 November at Saarbrücken Palace, is a real highlight and has a particularly good range of handicrafts.
<b><u>Stuttgart</u></b>	<b>25.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Fri 10am-8.30pm  Sun 11am-8.30pm	<b>(711) 22 28 240</b> With its more than 200 delightfully decorated stands the Stuttgart Christmas Market is not only one of the oldest, but certainly also one of the most beautiful and largest Christmas markets in Europe. The unequalled illuminations, the wonderful smell of cinnamon and vanilla, the festive Advent concerts, the small wooden houses lovingly decorated with angelic figures, fir branches and Christmas balls, and the "fairy-tale land" on Schlossplatz form a fabulous backdrop and produce a Christmas atmosphere which fills millions of visitors every year with enthusiasm.

		One of the Christmas highlights is the Open-air-skating area. The 500qm skating rink in front of the New Palace welcomes visitors to a real winter pleasure-open-air skating in the middle of the city in a romantic, fairy-tale atmosphere. Mulled wine and punch, grilled sausages and baked apples are all available from numerous wooden stalls around the skating rink which is open during New Years eve too.
<b><u>Trier</u></b>	<b>21.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Mon-Sat 10am-8.30pm  Sun 11am-8.30pm	<b>(651) 97 80 80</b> Trier 's Christmas Market, small but charming, will once again delight our visitors from near and far with its romantic setting in the heart of Trier on the medieval Main Market and the Cathedral Square . In 95 festively wooden booths, you will find a great variety of Christmas articles ranging from Christmas decorations over wooden toys, candles, hand-blown or engraved glassware up to gift articles and ceramics. Culinary delicacies accompanied by our exquisite local wines and of course our traditional German dishes and desserts such as bratwurst, potato pancakes, gingerbread and pastry await you as well. In the Christmas Market pavilion you may listen to the music of brass choirs and watch the performances of puppet theatres. St. Nicolas will certainly delight the children.
<b><u>Tuebingen</u></b>	<b>09.12. – 11.12.05 &amp; 15.12. – 17.12.05</b>	<b>(7071) 91360</b> Before Christmas Tübingen is dominated by an unique and unforgettable atmosphere. The smell of mulled wine, served in specially designed Christmas mugs, roasted almonds and the aromatic taste of specific Swabian dishes is seductively filling the air. About 450 individually-designed and lovely decorated fair stalls are erected in front of the beautiful half-timbered houses and leave you with the feeling of warmth and friendliness. Moreover there is a historic merry-go round and other entertainment designed for children.
<b><u>Ulm</u></b>	<b>24.11. – 22.12.05</b>  Mon-Fri 10am-8.30pm  Sun 11am-8.30pm	<b>(731) 161 28 30</b> As Christmas approaches, Ulm Cathedral - which has the tallest church spire in the world - becomes the focal point for Ulm's atmospheric Christmas market. More than 100 festively decorated booths, a glass workshop and a sheepfold with live animals really set the Christmas mood. Christmas concerts and organ recitals take place in the cathedral every day at 5pm.
<b><u>Weimar</u></b>	<b>25.11. – 22.12.05</b>  10am-7pm daily	<b>(3643) 1 94 33</b> „O du fröhliche, o du selige ..." Which song will herald the start of advent more than that? This song was written by Johannes Daniel Falk and was sung the first time in the year 1816 at a Christmas-Party by a choir of Falk's orphanage in Weimar. Since then the song can be heard all over the world annually ... Enjoy the magical atmosphere at Christmas time around the beautifully decorated historical Market square, Schillerstrasse and Theaterplatz. Artisans and glass blowers, hand-made toys and carvings from the Erzgebirge Mountains, Christmas tree decorations from the Thuringian Forest and Thuringian specialties to taste invite you to look around. Enjoy a glass of hot mulled wine, Christmas cookies and the famous Thuringian grilled sausages ...
<b><u>Wiesbaden</u></b>	<b>22.11. – 23.12.05</b>  Mon-Thu 10.30am-9pm  Sun 12 noon-9pm	<b>(611) 31 31 12</b> Picturesque Schlossplatz is the spectacular setting for Wiesbaden's Sternschnuppenmarkt (Shootingstars) Christmas market. The decorations - golden lilies and the colours blue and gold - at the nostalgic craft market reflect the town's coat of arms. Visitors enter this fairytale scene through four lily gates decorated with stars. For children there are Nativity plays, story time and ice skating.
<b><u>Würzburg</u></b>	<b>25.11.– 23.12.05</b>	<b>(931) 37 23 35</b> Würzburg's Christmas market, one of the most atmospheric in Germany, is held on Oberer and Unterer Marktplatz

	<p><b>01.12.– 23.12.06</b></p> <p>Mon-Sat 10am-8pm</p> <p>Sun 11am-8pm</p>	<p>against the historical backdrop of the Gothic St. Mary's Chapel and the Falkenhaus Rococo mansion. All the makings of Christmas are on offer here at the beautifully decorated wooden booths. The town hall's historical courtyard also hosts an artists' Christmas market.</p>
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